<u>REMARKS</u>

The claims have been amended as the Examiner suggested to provide additional structure i.e., the paylines. Method and apparatus claims also have been added as the Examiner suggested. These changes have not been made to avoid the prior art.

Rather, they have been made to more clearly define the invention.

As discussed during the interview, Moody '448 has no applicability to the inventions at issue. Therefore, Applicant believes the obviousness rejections are now moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration together with a favorable determination.

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